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1. Prior to 19 November 1951, the 4th PS Bn in Cheb (N 51/P 37) was subordinate to the 1st PS Brig in Cheb, which was commanded by Captain Marcin (fnu). The brigade, in turn, was subordinate to Prague, which was commanded by Colonel Hlavac (fnu), whose deputy was General Smoldas (fnu). A reserve battalion in Cheb, on which no details are available, was also subordinate to the 1st PS Brig in Cheb. Companies of the 4th PS Bn included the 21st Co, the 22d Co in Slapany (N 51/P 36), the 23d Co in Hroznatov (N 51/P 36) and one company each in Kozly (N 51/P 36) and Mytina (N 51/P 36). *
2. The 22d Co in Slapany, Cheb, numbered 68 men who, except for one Slovak, were all Czechs. The company was equipped with model 98-N rifles, models 48-A and 48-B submachine guns, 3 model-26 light machine guns and 1 model-37 heavy machine gun. Border duty was performed by stationary guard details of 3 men each. Trip wire, connected with signal rockets, was strung in the area guarded by the company. There was no trace strip, even in the unwooded area. However, a trace strip was scheduled to be established in the spring. On 1 November 1951, an off-limits zone, about 700 meters wide, was established in front of the border zone.
3. In the summer of 1951, a tank unit was quartered in a barracks installation on the eastern perimeter of Zatec (N 51/P 10). Troops, with from 10 to 15 tanks, were regularly observed training east of the installation. **

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4. Prior to April 1951, a barracks installation of four brick buildings and some auxiliary buildings was under construction in Vykmanov,

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about 3 km north-northeast of Ostrov (N 51/K 70). In mid-April, the installation was occupied by a motorized infantry unit of more than 500 men. The unit arrived with numerous motor vehicles, including track-laying vehicles. ***

5. In the spring of 1951, the construction of a barracks installation consisting of several brick buildings, was begun in or near Horní Slavkov (N 51/P 68) and was still under way in May 1951.

25X1 * [] Comment. The report confirms the PS battalion in Cheb, the
 25X1 1st PS Brig in Cheb under the command of Captain Marcin (fnu), and
 25X1 [] with its commanding officer Colonel Hlavacka (fnu)
 25X1 and with General Smoldas (fnu). [] Two PS
 25X1 battalions are carried in Cheb, but their companies are employed
 25X1 at the border. A report of early January 1951 which mentioned a
 25X1 reserve battalion of the PS brigade in Cheb probably referred to the
 25X1 headquarters units of the brigade. [] The 4th
 25X1 PS battalion is located in the former revenue office (Finanzdirek-
 torium) near the railroad station in Cheb. The companies are confirmed.
 The 21st Co is stationed in Svati Kriz. []
 ** [] Comment. The 21st Tank Brig, which probably was reassigned to
 the 5th Mecz Div, is carried in Zatec. []
 *** [] Comment. Ostrov is situated in the area of the 13th Mtz Inf Div.
 25X1 The infantry unit mentioned in the present report is probably a
 25X1 component of this division. According to a report of April 1951,
 25X1 300 infantrymen have been stationed in Ostrov since December 1950.
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